

Taft to Break Roosevelt Spell

Charles Francis Adams Says
South Should Turn Back
on Bygone Epoch.

DECLARES DEMOCRACY IS NOW WITHOUT HEAD

Great Audience of Most Prominent Citizens of Richmond Give Distinguished Massachusetts Orator Genuine Southern Ovation While He Discusses Issues.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, of Boston, noted as scholar, orator and historical writer, delivered a strong appeal at the Academy of Music last night in the interest of Taft and Sherman to the largest audience which has greeted any speaker in this particular building since the campaign opened. Indeed, it was the largest crowd which has assembled here at any political meeting during the year, with the single exception of that which gathered to hear Mr. Taft at the Horse Show Building last Saturday night.

Every seat in the house was taken, and many who arrived late and sought admission were turned away. It was exactly 8:30 o'clock when the curtain went up and Mr. Henry L. Cabell called to order.

Mr. Cabell spoke briefly. He declared that the occasion was a memorable one in the history of the city and State. "This is the first time," he said, amid great applause, "that many of us have ever decided to vote as our consciences dictate. The shackles have fallen from our minds and hearts, and now we are free to decide upon a national question. Mr. Cabell paid a high tribute to Mr. Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., who he presented as the man selected to introduce Mr. Adams.

House Well Filled.

As Mr. Leigh came forward the orchestra struck up "Dixie," and there was prolonged cheering. By this time the house was filled to overflowing, even all the seats in the topmost gallery being taken. When Mr. Leigh concluded his introductory remarks and presented Mr. Adams every person in the house arose to greet the distinguished speaker. The band played an appropriate air, and Mr. Adams stood for several minutes, bowing his thanks for the splendid reception accorded him. It was 8:50 o'clock when he began to read a carefully prepared speech, and he occupied the stage for more than an hour, having been frequently interrupted by vigorous applause.

In the upper gallery there were perhaps 150 colored people, and they often joined in the applause which was provoked by the utterances of the speaker.

No meeting held here during the present campaign, except that which was addressed by Mr. Taft, has been so well attended or so highly successful in every respect.

Those on the Stage.

The following citizens, many of whom have declared their purpose to vote for Mr. Bryan, but who joined heartily in according Mr. Adams a royal welcome, occupied seats upon the stage:

Messrs. H. W. Anderson, R. A. Lanier, J. E. L. Hennis, T. Wheelwright, J. J. Marcellus, Major J. H. Dooley, Professor R. E. Blackwell, Judge I. L. Lewis, A. W. Patterson, James A. Moncreuf, Chris. Manning, Judge G. L. Christian, R. W. Maury, Blair Bolling, Levin J. Jones, Jonathan Bryan, George W. Stevens, Captain Thomas Pinckney, Julian Hill, P. Patterson, Almond B. C. W. Branch, John G. Luce, J. B. Elam, Claude M. Deane, A. J. Lewis, Jr., J. J. Smith, John T. Wilson, W. Mac Jones, W. L. Royall, John J. Lynch, O. H. Funsten, W. R. Massie, John F. Ryall, William T. Knight, H. H. George, L. M. Williams, James W. Gordon, Dr. A. B. Blanton, J. E. B. Jurgens, C. G. Brown, L. M. Judkins, Joseph P. Brady, Thomas F. Meany, Hugh Campbell, Ollie Priddy, George E. Wise, A. B. Guilgon, E. Strudwick, E. T. D. Myers, H. E. Baskerville, C. Ridgeway Moore, Henry W. Rountree, Royce E. Cabell.

No Race Shadow Now.

Mr. Adams declares that the race question is not the American people to solve, but he says that the questions that divided the North and the South on the negro forty-four years ago have passed away, and contends that the shadow should not be allowed to play the part of the real ghost.

He declares that he would have been a Democrat years ago, but the party had so wandered away from the teachings of Thomas Jefferson and others of the really great Democrats that he was forced to stay outside of any political party, since he could not abide with the Republicans.

He severely criticizes the "theatrical" administration of President Roosevelt, and declares that the election of Taft will break the spell, while the election of Bryan will prove a worse dose of political medicine and insure the return of Mr. Roosevelt to the White House in 1912.

His favorite tariff for revenue only, but says that neither Taft nor Bryan would be able as President to get any remedial legislation through Congress. He points out that Mr. Cleveland, whom he classes as a much stronger man than either, was not able to get anything but a "joker" on the statute books. If the tariff is "doctored," he wishes it "doctored" by its friends, citing the experiences of the country on the Cleveland-Wilson measure, and for that reason he would vote for Taft.

Taft Superior to Roosevelt.

While not agreeing with Taft on many questions, and disagreeing with him outright on a multitude of others, he regards him as far the superior of either Roosevelt or Bryan, so far as the presidency is concerned, and for that reason he would vote for the Republican candidate.

"The outcome of the War of Secession," (Continued on Fourth Page.)

HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Judge Harrison Decides Against Section 23-1-2 of the Byrd Law.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, Va., October 24.—Judge T. W. Harrison, in the Circuit Court to-day, rendered a lengthy opinion in the Henry case, holding that section 23-1-2 of the Byrd liquor law, governing the sale of small brew or "near-beer" to be unconstitutional. Robert M. Henry, a former Winchester saloonkeeper, was arrested and fined \$50 for selling near-beer less than six cents a bottle as provided by section 23-1-2 of the Byrd law. An appeal was taken from the Magistrate's Court, and Judge Harrison's decision was awaited with interest after the State. Judge Harrison said that in his opinion the Byrd liquor law was the very best law regulating the liquor traffic the State ever had and that he doesn't believe the people of the State would ever consent to a radical departure from its underlying principles. Section 23-1-2, as its history and every enumeration showed it, was an amendment injected into the act after it had passed the House of Delegates, without harmonizing the other provisions of the bill with it, and that it was so constituted that it could serve no practical good purpose.

The case will in all probability go to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for a final decision.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

American Consul-General at Large Shoots Himself in Germany.

BERLIN, October 24.—When the Hamburg Express arrived at Ludwigslust this morning the body of a man who had been shot through the right temple was found in one of the compartments, which he had occupied alone. A revolver was lying close at hand. The body was identified by papers as that of Silas C. McFarland, of Coma, the American consul-general-at-large for the European district. Among the papers was his wife's address in Berlin. It was estimated that Consul McFarland committed suicide.

The station-master telegraphed Mrs. McFarland that her husband had been badly injured, and she and her daughter proceeded to Ludwigslust this afternoon. This is the first time that Mrs. McFarland was unable to give any reason for the suicide, except that her husband had worried greatly of late. His leg had been broken twice in the last year, and he was sensitive to fatigue. He appeared unequal to the constant traveling which his office demanded.

Mrs. McFarland received a telegram from her husband in the early forenoon arranging to meet her at lunch.

Consul-General Thackeray has sent a deputy to Ludwigslust to take charge of the body.

HELD UP IN HOME

Widow of Former Railroad President Bound, Gagged and Robbed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, October 24.—Mrs. Annie B. Plough, fifty years old, the widow of a former president of the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad Company, was bound, gagged and robbed by a masked burglar on Friday night in her room in the boarding house at 131 West 10th Street, where she had been living for some time with her brother. About 10:30 o'clock on Friday night a masked man confronted her, holding a revolver close to her face, and forced her over on the bed, and gagging her with a handkerchief, bound her ankles and wrists.

The burglar took a diamond ring from her finger and a gold watch and chain she was wearing, together with a pocket book containing three dollars. The jewelry was valued at \$500. He then lifted her from the bed and drew her along the floor to the clothes closet, and closing the door, left her there.

It was not until nearly 7 o'clock in the morning that Mrs. Plough was found.

HORSE BITES COW'S TONGUE

Milk Animal Then Had to Be Killed for Beef at Garner, N. C.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., October 24.—A horse biting off the tongue of a fine milk animal, and necessitating the killing of the cow, was a remarkable occurrence at Garner, this county, to-day.

J. A. Perry, a well-known farmer there, owned both horse and cow. The horse was eating from a shock of corn against a fence. The cow was on the other side of the fence, and raked her tongue through a crack to draw in some of the fodder, when the horse, which is rather vicious, bit off the cow's tongue.

DIVISION FOR DUKE

Paris Hears of Great Preparations for the Elkins Royal Wedding.

PARIS, October 24.—The Rome correspondent of the Times says in a dispatch that the marriage of the Duke of Abruzzi to Miss Estelle Elkins is certain. An official announcement in Rome of the matter is imminent. The duke, according to the statement, will not leave for the United States until the announcement is made.

Veritto Sella, an intimate friend of the prospective bride, is quoted as saying that the date of the marriage has not formally been fixed, owing chiefly to the formalities of the royal etiquette. These are very peculiar, and no doubt have led to the recent conflicting reports anent the wedding.

THANKS TO EMPEROR

American Ambassador Expresses President's Feelings Over Reception.

WASHINGTON, October 24.—American Ambassador O'Brien at Tokio to-day presented to the Emperor of Japan a message from President Roosevelt conveying the thanks of the American people for the treatment accorded the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet on its voyage to that country, saying: "The people of the United States have been deeply touched by this fresh and striking proof of friendship and hospitality. The officers of the fleet report that hearty though their reception has been everywhere else, it has nowhere been more hearty and more hospitable than in Japan."

HE WILL NOT SPEAK

President Roosevelt Not to Address Audiences in New York and Chicago.

WASHINGTON, October 24.—Not Secretary Loeb and Chairman Bennett of the Republican Speakers' Bureau in New York, who was a White House caller to-day, made the positive statement that President Roosevelt had no engagement to speak in Chicago before the Marquette Club on Saturday night. Mr. Bennett also added that the President had no intention of speaking in New York.

via Washington, Route, Tourist Sleeping Cars without change, personally conducted, berth \$4.50, 910 B. Main St.

BID FAREWELL TO LAND OF FLOWERS

Rear-Admiral Sperry, Officers and Men Given Rousing Send-Off.

JAPANESE PRESS IS GREATLY GRATIFIED

Profound Appreciation of the Thoughtfulness Displayed by the American Government in Accepting Japan's Invitation and Sending Fleet to Japanese Waters.

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Larger steamships laden with excursionists steamed about ready to follow the fleet out to deep water. Promptly at 7:30 o'clock a launch, bearing Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Nacy and other Japanese officials, steamed alongside the Connecticut. The Japanese dignitaries were received with a salute from the guns of the Connecticut, and the usual fine guard turned out for them when they reached the deck. Minister Nacy was the bearer of a farewell from the nation to Admiral Sperry, who was on deck early and received the official leave-taking after the proper ceremonies.

These farewells said, Rear-Admiral Kaito, who was with the party that boarded the American flagship, was taken back to his own flagship, the Mikasa, and immediately started the Connecticut weighed anchor, and heading the long line of American ships in single rank formation, steamed down the harbor and out past the breakwater as the guns of the Japanese fleet thundered the last farewell.

Press Expresses Appreciation.

The press of Tokio and Yokohama this morning devotes great space to editorial comment on the farewell to the fleet, the general tone taken being the expression of profound appreciation of the thoughtfulness displayed by the American government in accepting Japan's invitation and sending the fleet to Japanese waters as it made its way around the world on its cruise.

The papers are also united in rejoicing over the opportunity thus afforded Japan to demonstrate the traditional friendship of the nation toward the United States, which, it is further contended, will doubtless serve to completely destroy the long-standing standing that has been hovering over the relations between the two countries.

The editorials express the gladness of the Japanese that the peaceful motives of Japan have been universally and indisputably proved by the visit of Admiral Sperry and his men; as all Japan's hospitality, however, generously offered, would have been unavailing had not the nation's guests been able to do the spirit of Japan full justice, as were the Duke and Duchess of Abruzzi, and the officers and men under Admiral Sperry's command is expressed that they showed themselves so thoroughly appreciative of the humble reception accorded them; enjoying it and taking part in it even at a sacrifice of their personal comfort and convenience.

WEDDING IS CERTAIN

Date Not Yet Set Owing to Formalities of Royal Etiquette.

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OUTRAGES ARE RENEWED

Bomb No. 23 Exploded in Chicago and Killed One Person.

CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 24.—Bomb No. 23 exploded this morning after the policemen placed on watch in all parts of Chicago since the renewal of the bomb outrages had gone home. It did more damage than any of its predecessors, completely destroying a one-story brick building in Fourteenth street, just east of Michigan avenue, occupied by Bernard Marcus as a saloon.

Firemen who were asleep in their quarters across the street were thrown from their beds by the explosion, which tore out most of the front and completely wrecked the interior of the building.

Funneler Dies Suddenly.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, October 24.—Johnnie Seales, of New York, well known in American financial circles, was seized with a fainting fit while standing on the platform of the Waterloo Station here last night, with his wife, and died as he was being taken to the St. Thomas Hospital. Mr. Seales, who was about eighty years of age, had been ailing for some time, and the doctor who had been attending him certified that the cause of death was heart disease. No inquest will be held.

AUSTRIA'S OFFER INSULT TO PORTE

All Countries in Europe Await Outcome of the Berlin Conference.

THE DISPUTE IS NOT BEYOND A SETTLEMENT

Paris Persists in Believing if Turkey Allows Herself to Be Forced Into War, It Will Be Because Germany Desires a General Conflict.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, October 24.—All eyes in Europe are on Berlin. Until something shall be disclosed regarding the fate of the meeting there to-day between Russia's representative and the Kaiser and Chancellor von Buelow no opinion can be formed regarding the development of the international crisis. The failure of the negotiations at Constantinople was to have been expected, and Turkish government could have lived with accepted proposals made informally by Austria or Bulgaria.

The current version of Austria's offer to the Porte makes out no less than an insult to the Porte. It was that Turkey accept as an offset for the loss of Bosnia and Herzegovina a guarantee of the integrity of the Ottoman Empire. In addition to the retrocession of the sanjak of Novibazar. In other words, Austria having despoiled Turkey, proposed to become her virtual suzerain. Had Turkey assented to this preposterous suggestion it would have created an even worse situation than the present between the great powers.

It would have marked the end of general European agreements and reduced diplomacy to the primitive methods of the eighteenth century. Such may yet be the outcome of the present talk, but it would not for nothing that was inevitable. It is necessary to distinguish clearly between the two questions with which Turkey and Europe at large are confronted.

A Settlement Is Possible.

The Turkish-Bulgarian dispute is not beyond settlement. Bulgaria, since Russia's energetic threat of invasion drove her to an intermediary, some basis of understanding with Turkey, seemed desirous of a peaceful solution. The evidence of this is in the terms of the settlement of the Oriental Railway dispute, which was easily reached by Bulgaria's special emissary to Constantinople. The attitude of the two countries in the matter of Eastern Rumelia is apparently irreconcilable, but it is suspected that Bulgaria's position in this point, Ferdinand's government is in need of money.

They have been notified by European financiers this week that their needs will be supplied when Bulgarian independence has been recognized by Europe, and that Bulgaria's refusal to pay tribute to another state after her independence has been declared does not quite fit the case of the Eastern Rumelian payment of \$500,000 annually. These payments were made to the Ottoman Empire, and the annual tribute is paid direct through the Ottoman Bank to holders of Turkish bonds, and it represents Eastern Rumelia's share of the Turkish debt when Eastern Rumelia was part of the Ottoman Empire. This was a part of the terms of the settlement, and the annual tribute was added to Bulgaria and Turkey, and Turkey's creditors argue that the change in Bulgaria's position from nominal to titular in no way affects these terms, either legally or ethically.

There is strong reason to believe that any European conference would take the same view. Considering these facts, and also that money will be forthcoming both for capitalizing the obligation and for her other needs so soon as Bulgaria consents to the arrangement, it does not seem impossible that a settlement can be reached.

Turkey holds similar views in regard to the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. She considers that Austria should assume a portion of the Turkish debt, such as would be assigned equitably to those provinces. Austria refuses to consider this claim, just as she continues to refuse to allow her action to be reviewed in any respect by an European conference or any outside authority. In fact, Austria is a stumbling block to any form of settlement unless her attitude can be modified. The situation will become less tense, however, if from the most conservative power in Europe to a policy of absolute lawlessness is still a mystery which no one has succeeded in solving. She repeated her recalcitrant utterances to-day in Berlin. No conference, of course, is to be reviewed in any respect by an European conference or any outside authority. In fact, Austria is a stumbling block to any form of settlement unless her attitude can be modified. 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